Central Universities in Assam

4332. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) the details of Central universities functioning at present in Assam;

(b) whether there is a proposal to set up any Central University or Open University in the North Cachar Hills district of Assam during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) At present there are two Central Universities functioning in Assam. The names and location of these Universities are indicated below :

(i) Assam University—Silchar

(ii) Tezpur University—Tezpur

(b) to (d) There is no proposal to set up a Central University in the North Cachar Hills District of Assam. The overall policy in so far as Central Universities are concerned is to go in for consolidation of and expansion of facilities in existing Universities rather than setting up of more Universities, save where past commitments are involved such as have been done recently in the case of Mizoram University.

Publication of a **Discussion Documents by NCERT**

4333. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether NCERT has published a document entitled "National Curriculum Framwork for School Education. A Discussion Document" for discussion at the Seminar of Officials and Educators held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of suggestions made by various participants in the Seminar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) NCERT has initiated a process of renewal of the National Curriculum